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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

RESTRICTION OF INFORMATION POSTED ON INTERNET

Chapter 429 of the Statutes of 1998 (Senate Bill 1386) added section 6254.21 to the Government Code. That section states:

(a) No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

(b) For purposes of this section, "elected or appointed official" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) State constitutional officers
- (2) Members of the Legislature
- (3) Judges and court commissioners
- (4) District attorneys
- (5) Public defenders
- (6) Members of a city council
- (7) Members of a board of supervisors
- (8) Appointees of the Governor
- (9) Appointees of the Legislature
- (10) Mayors
- (11) City attorneys
- (12) Police chiefs and sheriffs

We have recently become aware of concern on the part of various officials that assessors are posting the assessment roll on the Internet and including thereon, addresses and/or telephone numbers. One county has opted to suppress the address field in the information that appears on their Internet Web site. Although this is clearly not an assessment issue per se, we want to make you aware of this legislation and hopefully help you prevent any conflict.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard C. Johnson  
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